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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to receipt of an Office Action, mailed 27 March 2002, for the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

In the claims:

All pending claims are set forth here, for convenient review. Cancel claims 6 and 17. Amend claims 1 and 12 to read as follows.

*1 (amended). A system for detecting an unauthorized movement of a communications/meter device, the system comprising:

at least one device attachment mechanism, having a selected attachment direction, that attaches a communications/meter device to a selected attachment site;

a magnetic field source, associated with the attachment mechanism, that provides a first magnetic field with a first field direction and a second magnetic field with a second field direction when the attachment mechanism is in a first selected position and in a second selected position, respectively;